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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO-1449 form with six (6) references.
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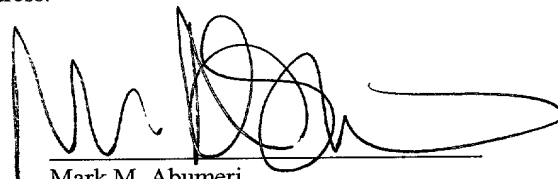
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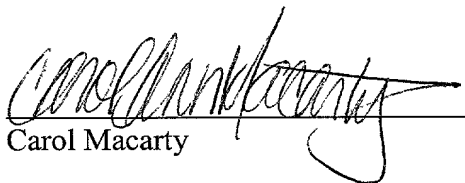
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